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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dirk MEERSSCHAUT et al.
 Title: OPEN LAYERED STEEL CORD WITH HIGH BREAKING LOAD
 Appl. No.: 10/563,988
 International Filing Date: 6/25/2004
 371(c) Date: 01/10/2006
 Examiner: Shaun R. HURLEY
 Art Unit: 3765
 Conf. No.: 7059

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate	Additional Claims Fee	
Total Claims:	7	-	20	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	1	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:							+	\$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL								=	\$0.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
[] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
Extension Fees Previously Paid:		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 18, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application (or to replace the previously submitted Abstract).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: